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NEWSLINE

They Said It:

"What is conservatism? Is it not adherence to the old and tried, against the new and untried?"
-Abraham Lincoln

Fact:

According to the Unabridged version of the Oxford English Dictionary the word 'set,' has over 150 different meanings.

Campus

Look up in the sky

The RSC Anthropology/Sociology Department will host a free public forum titled "Malathion Spraying: Safe or Unsafe" on Friday, Feb. 16. Six speakers will deliver short presentations, followed by an audience question and answer period. The seminar will begin at noon in room C-104 at SAC.

The issue, as defined by RSC Anthropology/Sociology instructor Richard Barasch, involves whether the low doses employed in aerial spraying of malathion pose a health threat to humans.

The panel of presenters includes: Dr. Phil Edelman, Orange County Toxicologist; Peter Green, Mayor Pro Tem of Huntington Beach and biology instructor at Golden West College; Ray Littrell, Garden Grove City Councilman; Frank Parsons, Orange County Deputy Agriculture Commissioner; Dr. Thomas Prendergast, County of Orange Chief Health Officer and Dr. Bernard Turbow, Orange County Urologist.

The program is open to the public as well as RSC students, faculty and staff. Seating is limited, for additional information call Richard Barasch, (714) 667-3275.

National

No nukes

The easing of the threat of nuclear war ought to help attract more students to anti-nuclear causes, a leader of the anti-nuke movement claims.

Kevin Knobloch of the Union of Concerned Scientists, a Washington D.C.-based arms control lobbying group, concedes the internal changes in the communist bloc apparently have reduced the chances of nuclear war between the U S and the Soviet Union for now, but argues the fading of the threat will spur interest in anti-nuke causes.

"If there was ever a time to be active, this is it," Knobloch said. "History is in the making."

He maintained UCS,s causes have become the causes of the 1990s.

"This is a very exciting time in the world of arms control. Many, including at the college level, have worked very hard," he said.

Taylor outlines new era for ASB

Government: ASB president Victoria Taylor presses for reform and looks toward the future of student leadership.

BY SHARYNN BASS
STAFF WRITER

Although it won't cease feeding and feting students with barbecues and dances, the Associated Student Body has shifted its goals since last semester "from activities to issues" said ASB president Victoria Taylor.

During her "State of the Students" address before the ASB Senate, Taylor said she had succeeded in her goal to "transform student government from an apathetic group of followers to a vibrant group of leaders," and closed by urging student leaders to "destroy apathy and form a voice that will be heard for years to come."

Taylor also said that student government should "concentrate on projects that will have a lasting effect on the students of this campus...Among these is the concept of the student services card..."

The proposed student services card would offer students discounts on and off campus and increase ASB's budget to provide additional services, activities and speakers to the campus community, according to Taylor.

"Right now people pay a $7.50 health fee. What we're proposing is that they pay just a $10 student services fee," said Taylor.

Fresh from a political victory on a campus wide smoking ban, Taylor says it is time to tackle other issues, like apartheid and AIDS. The smoking ban went into effect this Jan. 1 after an ASB survey showed that students were 5 to 1 in favor of the ban.

"One of my goals for this year is to have activities that are going to have an effect on people, that will help people in their daily lives," said Taylor. "Hopefully this month we want to address...South Africa. It's Black History Month, and I think that's really important," she said.

In illustrating ASB's new issue-intensive orientation, Taylor cited a Black Educator's panel, which featured speakers discussing issues of importance to Black-Americans. This year ASB worked with the Black Student Union to coordinate the event, in contrast to years past when the BSU did so alone.

ASB will also address the issue of AIDS , as it did last year. "We're having an AIDS Awareness Day, March 1, to boost awareness," said Taylor.

But despite the new emphasis on is-



"I think that if I'm going to be representing 36,000 students, I'd better be doing a good job."
-Victoria Taylor
ASB President

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Lions and Tigers and Bears, Oh My!



COME INSIDE, COME INSIDE- Circus Vargas set up camp for a four day stay on RSC's Santa Ana campus bringing with it , its world renowned menagerie.
Photo by Danny McCoy

Survey finds entering freshmen a paradox of values

BY AMY BURKE
STAFF WRITER

Today's college freshmen place more importance on influencing social change, protecting the environment and actively demonstrating concerns, compared to their self-centered counterparts of the 1980s, according to a national survey.

Nearly half of the students polled considered promoting social change as one of their main interests, however, an overwhelming three out of four students value being "very well-off financially."

Alexander W. Astin, the University of California Los Angeles professor, who conducted the 24th annual survey of college freshmen, calls this a "paradox."

The survey, which questioned 216,362 freshmen at 403 colleges, provides some surprising insights into today's students. For instance, nearly 37 percent had participated in a demonstration last year - up from 15.5 percent in 1966, which was during the midst of the student protest movement. Forty-four percent responded that social change is one of their primary objectives, almost 10 percent more than in 1969.

Asked about an increase in social activism among RSC students, Dave Dobos, Dean of Students, replied that he has noticed a "pervasive shift" of interests among students, particularly among the younger students.

"I work mainly with the student government, and there I do notice an increase, especially among the males, in social activism," Dobos said. "It used to

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Problems taken to task by politicians, educators

Coalition releases results of year-long study

BY KAREN JANNSSEN
STAFF WRITER

Eighty-five percent of the high school students who become involved in Career Beginnings, RSC's mentoring program, go on to higher education, according to Dr. Robert Jensen, RSC's chancellor.

The Executive Committee of Santa Ana 2000 spoke of Career Beginnings and other programs designed to address community's problems at a press conference held at Santa Ana City Hall Jan. 31.

The committee introduced the results of a year of work on a coalition of education, business, and city government groups. RSC, the Santa Ana Unified School District, the city government of Santa Ana, the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and the Greater Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce are part of the committee.

"For over a year, we have looked at ways to identify problems, eliminate institutional biases, strip away overlap-

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Wojtek Jastal

East bloc reforms deceiving, says Polish student

BY KAREN WALSH
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

First, Eastern European citizens protested with signs and cheers. Then, rioting occurred and political leaders bent to the will of the people. Communist governments toppled and democratic ideals were installed in countries like Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, and Poland.

Or so the Western press reported.

But, according to Wojtek Jastal, an RSC student from Katowice, Poland, Eastern Europe is not the hotbed of democratic reforms that is portrayed by the media in the United States and other parts of the world.

"There has only been superficial changes," Jastal said. "The police system is still working there. They (government leaders) are very unwilling to change."

Jastal, 22, who arrived in Southern California a few weeks ago, added that the Polish economy is in a 'disastrous state,' because the Communist government left a deficit. The Polish are constantly inundated with information concerning their country's economic situation.

"People live in constant fear of the future," he said. "The situation is very shaky now. It's very difficult to predict what is going to happen (in Poland)."

The time has come to make legal and economic reforms, ac-

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ASB:

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sues, a big part of ASB's agenda still centers around organizing student activities. Among those already scheduled for this semester is a "Cramerama," a finals-week event held for the first time last year during which the campus cafeteria is kept open round the clock and free coffee and donuts are served to studying students.

"We'll have that...this semester on May 16 and 17," said Taylor. "If we get a good turnout, we'll keep it open all week."

Last year's activities included homecoming, a Red Ribbon Week with the theme "Say No to Drugs" and the usual barbecues, dances and Monday Night Football. A holiday "Toys for Tots" drive, usually done in conjunction with the Marine Corps, was kept on campus in 1989 for the first time ever, and toys collected went to kids in the RSC development center. ASB donated $400 worth of toys for the event.

Many of these activities and events have made it onto this year's schedule. There will also be a few surprises.

"One of the things we're working on this year is plans for the 75th anniversary, which is going to happen fall 1990-spring 1991," said Taylor.

Further outlining the changes students can expect to see in ASB--and in Taylor's management style--in the coming semester, the president said she will be "stepping back a bit" and letting other members of student government take more control.

"We've got a really competent group of people in student government right now, because they learned so much from last semester, and this semester they're going to be running the show, and I'll just take what they say and carry it on," said Taylor. "If I care what happens to student government after I leave--and I do--then it's important that people start becoming prepared now, so I'm gradually giving more responsibility to the people who show promise."

Taylor said she has reached the goals she set for herself and ASB last semester. "My main goals were to increase student involvement and interest in student government. I wanted to make it stronger, and I did that," she said.

She credits last year's ASB retreat, held in Idylwyld, as a catalyst in that change. "ASB became a really active body last semester. I think the retreat was partly responsible for that," she said. The retreat featured seminars and workshops on leadership styles, publicity, planning activities and parliamentary procedure.

"Now people are knocking on our door saying, 'How do I get involved?...and that's the greatest feeling," she said. "That, I think, is carrying itself now, so I don't need to work on it anymore. I can start working on projects, like the student services card.

"My other goal last semester was to improve the image of ASB in the eyes of the faculty and staff. I wanted the administration to notice us and say 'These guys are...doing something, they're not just putting on barbecues, they're actually doing something that's going to benefit students.' I don't feel we were taken seriously before, because the people who were involved didn't take it seriously," said Taylor. "I take it seriously.

I think that if I'm going to be representing 36,000 students, I'd better be doing a good job."

Although Taylor takes her position seriously and hopes others will do the same, she wants people to remember that she and he ASB colleagues are still students and not seasoned pros.

"Student government is a class," she said.

HIGHLIGHT

For the first time in RSC's history, student leadership classes will be taught by faculty in a more structured classroom setting.

Also, four advisers are working with ASB in order to assist students in their rolls as student leaders.

"We're taking the team approach to running ASB," said Vera Van Ieperen, one of ASB's advisers. "There will be more support, more energy, and more ideas generated. And with the added accessibility to an adviser the students will have more of an opportunity to reach their full potential."

"It's exciting and we'll be learning parliamentary procedure in its correct form and not be shooting so much from the hip as others have had to do in the past," said Jodi Ochoa, ASB vice-president. "We're building a foundation for future student governments that will follow us."

Presently, there is no permanent activities coordinator. But RSC officials hope to have the position filled by April 15.

-KIM NELSON

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"All the successes are not complete if we can't insure quality educational services for their children,"

-Dan Young, Santa Ana Mayor

ping problems, put aside personal interests, and decide how to do this together," said Mayor Dan Young. "Today's program is the result."

"All the successes are not complete if we can't insure quality educational services for their children," Young added. "We are united to make education our number one priority in the city of Santa Ana."

Three target areas were chosen during the press conference. They were child care and recreation, gang and substance abuse, and the work force.

The committee on child care is primarily concerned with the need for affordable, quality child care for Santa Ana families. They are working to identify both needs and suppliers of child care in the community and compiling a list of possible sites for additional child care facilities in the future. A Head Start program will begin in the fall of 1990.

Several studies and community awareness programs are being planned by the Gangs and Drug Use Prevention Committee. The district is receiving more than $400,000 in entitlement monies from the tobacco tax and other State funds for a district-wide drug education program.

PRIDE and DARE programs will continue and Neighborhoods in Action and Peer Assistance Leadership programs are also joining in the effort.

In order to keep children out of trouble, the Parks and Recreation Department has joined with eight elementary schools to provide after-school recreation and will expand the programs to all 29 city parks in the future, according to Dr. Castruita, Superintendent of the Santa Ana Unified School District, Also, RSC's Chancellor Dr. Robert Jensen emphasized that the gang problem in our city did not appear overnight and would not go away quickly. "It's a cancer that has to be dealt with both in terms of short term and long term," he added.

Encouraging young people to adequately prepare themselves to enter the work force is the goal of the Work Force Committee. New summer job programs, stronger links between the Private Industry Council and RSC's training and assessment programs, a scholarship program from the Chamber of Commerce, and more involvement of individuals from the business community as role models, counselors and mentors are also planned.

RSC's mentoring program, Career Beginnings, has been in progress for three years. It pairs a community professional with a high schoool student in his junior year.

The student is prodded, encouraged, and assisted through a summer job, preferably in his chosen field and attends a summer program at the college to work on self-esteem and basic skills. During his senior year the mentor continues to inspire him.

Upon graduation the student is encouraged to attend college or vocational school or is given the choice of going to work immediately.

Ninety-five percent of students who have entered this program have completed it.

Freshman: Today's group more socially aware than 80s counterparts

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■National survey shows 37 percent of first year students had participated in a demonstration up 15.5 percent from 1969.

be that more females were involved, but now we're seeing a good number of males concerned and involved in the environmental and political issues."

The obvious question then is if a considerably higher number of students are voicing their concerns today as compared to the 1960s, why aren't they receiving more public attention?

"What's different between now and the late 60s and early 70s is the issues are different," Astin said. "We don't have the very emotionally charged issues that galvanized students in the 60s and 70s, particularly the issues of race and the war in Vietnam...Protest tactics are less extreme and less violent."

Other noticeable changes in the attitudes of college freshmen include a 65 percent support of abortion rights - up from 57 percent last year. Thirty-five percent advocate racial harmony, in comparison to 27 percent in 1986.

While six of every seven college freshmen would like to see the U.S. government do more to protect the environment, only 26.1 percent thought it essential to actively participate in environmental clean-up programs.

Mike Miscione, an RSC freshmen, stands out among the many reluctant to change in order to help protect the environment.

"I definitely feel something desperately needs to be done to protect the environment," Miscione said. "If we don', we'll run into too many problems down the road. I don't litter and I ride my bike to school now, too. I want my grandchildren to be able to surf, too."

This year's freshmen, with their varied views and concerns, were difficult to classify or categorize.

One issue few opposed is the death penalty (21.3 percent), but nearly 80 percent supported the federal government's controlling of handguns.

Also, forty-five percent believe homosexual behavior should be prohibited by law.

Almost eight of every 10 students feel employers deserve the right to require drug testing.

Having a national health insurance seems to be a primary desire of freshmen students. Three-fourths of all freshmen want national health insurance.

Lastly, three of every 10 students thought taxes should be raised to reduce the deficit.

Freshmen Facts

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JASTAL:

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cording to Jastal. But Eastern European leaders, like the Soviet Union's Mikhail Gorbachev, are not ready for this.

"Gorbachev has been all the time suppressing liberty movements," Jastal added. "He did not change because he was willing to, but because he was forced to."

The Polish Catholic Church has played an important role in bringing about social and political changes in Poland, according to Jastal.

"The Church has been a cradle of reformist ideas for 40, 50 years," Jastal said. "They are the centers for free-thinkers."

When martial law was imposed in 1982, activists took shelter in the Catholic Church, according to Jastal. It organized conferences and published illegal books.

The Polish government retaliated by imprisoning priests and cardinals for their acts.

Jastal considers religion an important part of his life.

In fact, while on a pilgrimage with a church youth group, Jastal met John Velasquez, an RSC philosophy instructor who was visiting the priest leading the group.

"His (Jastal's) own interests impressed me as an educator," Velasquez said. "I wanted to create an environment for a new experience."

Jastal called Velasquez's invitation to the United States 'a bolt from the blue.' He accepted, saying, "I wanted to extend my horizons."

After proving that RSC had the needed accreditation, Jastal had one or two days to re-think his decision and make up his mind.

Although Jastal was not intimidated by the U.S.'s system of government when he arrived, he did experience 'culture shock.'

"I was flabbergasted coming out of the airport," he said. "There is such a profusion of material wealth. All those Mercedes."

Not only cultures, but college classes are different in the United States, according to Jastal. In Poland, instructors giving lectures were happy if four or five people attended class.

At RSC, Jastal feels that going to classes is mandatory. "This takes up a serious portion of my life," he added.

Unlike the United States, prospective Polish college students take final exams for a few days to determine whether they can go to a university.

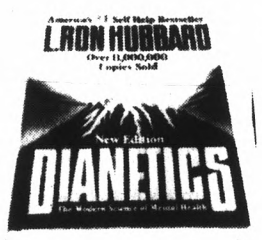
Before arriving at RSC, Jastal had been at Silesian University, studying different areas of literature, but concentrating on English writings.

At RSC, Jastal is concentrating on completing his general education courses. Afterwards, he hopes to transfer to University of California, Irvine.

Eventually, Jastal will return to Poland, whether he receives a bachelor's degree or not.

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EDITORIALS

Driver's license key to voter registration

The House passed a bill making voter registration easier last Tuesday. It is now up to the Senate and President Bush to legislate the bill.

The House bill, if passed, will allow eligible citizens to register when applying for driver's licenses. Registration will also be accepted by mail and at welfare and other government offices.

Opponents of the bill believe implementation will be costly to individual states and expressed concern that it will encourage fraud. The "motor voter" bill, as it is referred to, will only help to give more power to citizens who take advantage of it.

Cost factor is a poor excuse against passing the bill since $50 million will be provided to help states cover the cost of the new procedures. In addition to federal aid, states have plenty of revenue from its tax payers to implement the program which actually would benefit them.

Those, including the White House, who are afraid of fraud need not be too concerned. The bill, if anything, will help to prevent fraud. It includes clauses to bar purging of people from the voter rolls because they didn't vote.

It also requires that states periodically review their voter lists for accuracy, and purge voters who have moved out of their district.

Our government is supposed to encourage involvement of its people and should make participation in the democratic process more accessible.

Passage of the "motor voter" bill is a step in the right direction in assisting citizens to voluntarily become involved.

Bristol Street traffic woes plague students

As of this spring, RSC has a student population numbering well into 30,000 which means that on any given day anywhere from 15,000 to 35,000 cars come and go on the campus.

Normally, the flow of this many vehicles to and from any location would create a traffic jam; but add the closing of a main thoroughfare, the never ending construction on Bristol and 17th has created somewhat of a rush hour hell.

After last semester when the City of Santa Ana saw fit to strategically plan the destruction of Bristol to directly coincide with the first week of school, one might think that by now the mess would be complete. Yet to this day, morning and afternoon traffic are at best, a standstill.

What could the Santa Ana city council and traffic commission have been thinking when they drafted the time span for this construction? And where were the RSC representatives when these meeting were taking place?

Of all the complaints lodged against RSC, traffic and parking are always topping the list; so why is an already problematic situation being inflamed by the city?

Understandably, the repair of one of Santa Ana's major streets is a high priority to anyone who lives or does business in the city. However, to interrupt the chief arterial access to a college that harbors as large a population as RSC for this length of time is simply idiotic.

The damage this year has been done, but by voicing a complaint to the city or to the school, perhaps in the future a little more concern for the patrons of the college might be shown by the city.

Inviting ideas open pages to readers

The el Don, which is a newspaper created by student and for students, encourages its readership to participate in the open exchange of ideas and opinions.

The el Don publishes a variety of opinions and commentaries in the Viewpoint and Opinion sections.

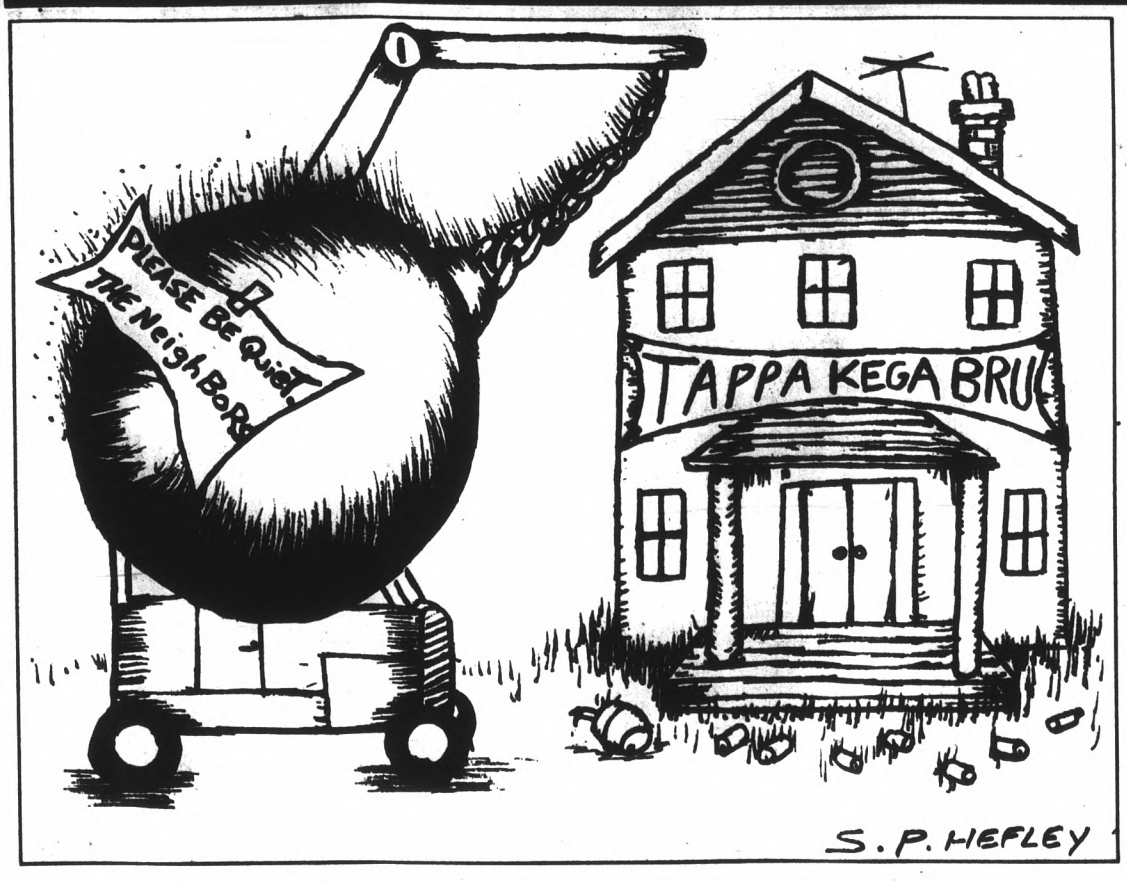
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Campus Life



Frats fight for party rights

BY TANIA TRATENSEK
STAFF WRITER

On Cal State Fullerton's Fraternity Row, two frat houses face the threat of closure, if the Fullerton City so decides on Feb. 20.

It seems that the Sigma Pi and Sigma Alpha frats have been partying too loudly, and stirring up trouble, and the neighbors have been complaining.

There's no denying that frat members can be a bit raucous and bothersome at times. Anyone who was young once has undoubtably known a rowdy pack of guys who are the life of every party, and the nightmare of most members of the previous generation.

Those who are pushing for the closing of the frats cite a Dec. 15 incident in which a party resulted in brawling in the street in front of the houses. In that particular incident, however, the frat members, not the neighbors, called the police in order to control the situation.

The frats were not responsible for the occurrence. It could have, and in fact has, happened at any party, in any private residence.

Closing the frats is not going to solve anything. The partying will simply go on somewhere else. It is a normal part of college life.

The neighbors must be incredibly foolish to live near Fraternity Row, and to not expect an occasional disruption of the peace. After all, no one would build a house on the Las Vegas strip, and then complain about the late night gambling.

Of course, no one should have the right to entirely disrupt the lives of their neighbors. The frat members don't seem to be stepping on the lives of anyone though. Reportedly, they are cleaning up their act.

Unfortunately for the frats, there are too many people who are interested in disrupting them.

Whether it's good or bad, the truth is that boys will always be boys, and there will always be someone trying to change that fact.

Berry brought down by Politics

BY LOYD ATWOOD
STAFF WRITER

Imagine, just for a moment, that you are the Attorney General of the United States.

Take it a step farther. Imagine you are the Attorney General of the United States, a conservative legacy of the Nixon administration, and you are made aware of certain predilections of the black Mayor of Washington, DC.

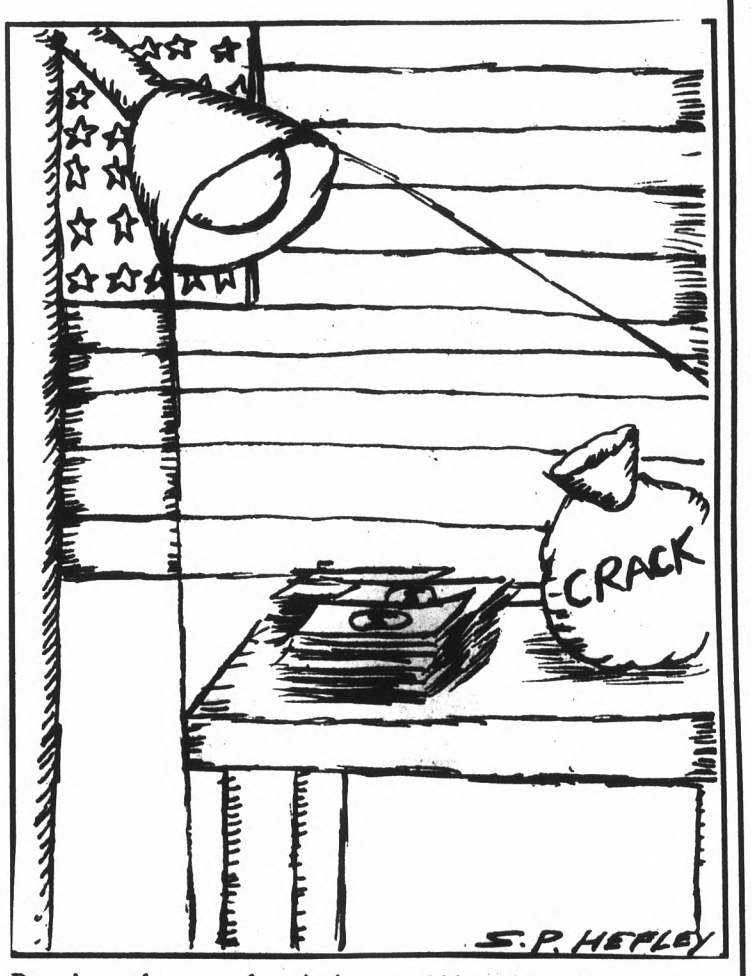
This is the same Washington, DC that leads the country's large cities in per capita homicides. Some 64 square miles of trouble. A mean, rough city in gentler, kinder America.

This, is the same Washington, DC that has supported your rivals in every election held since the election of said black Mayor.

You know what you'd do. You would turn the rascal out. It's payback time. Send him packing.

You would spend almost $14 million dollars during the course of an eight year investigation.

You would fly in Rasheeda Moore, a 'former model' and supply her with rock cocaine, a hotel room and Marion Berry's carphone number. And then you'd just let things happen naturally.



Naturally, like in human nature. Racism is not human in nature.

Now, imagine how much could have been done to eliminate some of Washington, DC's problems if that $14 million had been put to some use other than the racist persecution of Marion Berry.

Has Rothenberg paid price for scarring son's life?

BY JEFF WARRICK
SPORTS EDITOR

Awakening from a toss and turn sleep, young-eighth grader David Rothenberg has just relived the event that scarred him for life over six years ago.

The reoccurring dream that has haunted the boy since the incident on March 3, 1983 has now a new element added to it.

The release of his father who set him ablaze that dark day.

On Sunday Jan. 21, prison officials moved Charles Rothenberg from the California Men's Colony in San Luis Obisbo to another undisclosed facility to await his parole. Wednesday Jan. 24 he was released. Now he is free.

Rothenberg, 49, has served his 13 year prison sentence in a short six and three quarter years and fully payed his price to society. Or has he?

Has he paid the price to his son who will live a life of deformity, humiliation, and public exploitation?

Unfortunately, the tax payers are the ones who are paying. The cost to supervise the parolee runs $18,000 a month or about $648,000 for the next three years.

By contrast it costs only $3,000 a year to supervise a less notorious parolee.

Under the current laws Rothenberg has been reformed through the state's correctional process. I'm as upset about his release as anyone, but to do something about it would mean to change the laws. Who's up for that task?

"I want it known nationally that I don't ever want to see my father again," said David during a press confrence last week. "I would like them to keep him in jail for the rest of his life."

He went on to say that he could never forgive his father for what he did and that he can never feel safe until he is dead.

Today's world of media hype won't kill Rothenberg, unfortunately it will make the convicted attempted murderer a very rich man.



Rothenberg has been invited to appear on CNN, Oprah Winfrey, "Prime-Time Live," and other television programs. But under his current parole, no appearances will be allowed.

With everyone in Hollywood wanting to disclose the "story behind the story", criminals end up multi-millionaires after serving shortened sentences for good behavior.

The only thing Rothenberg must be upset about is that he has to wait three years before getting his piece of the cake.

And they're off!

Dornan seeks head start in race with Kovic

BY JEFF WARRICK
SPORTS EDITOR

Rep. Robert Dornan of the 38th Congressional District has seen the movie "Born on the Fourth of July."

That became obvious after his re-election committee mailed 20,000 fund-raising letters reproaching anti-war activist Ron Kovic (who the movie was inspired after,) for visiting prostitutes, abusing drugs, and killing a fellow soldier in Vietnam.

Also enclosed in the letter was a reproduction of a newspaper photograph revealing Kovic burning a draft card. Dornan's apparent concern is whether Kovic will run as a Democrat in his District this November.

Not waiting, Dornan began fighting to dispel the belief that a man who has been through what Kovic has, belongs in Congress.

Box-office success has put the media spotlight on Kovic, who said he will announce this month whether he will run against Dornan.

If he does, the question is, what success will Kovic have in the political arena?

Democrats believe Kovic could be successful. Kovic said that most of the calls he has received in favor of running are from Democratic Congressional leaders looking for a way to beat Dornan.

Dornan must also believe Kovic could be successful in winning the seat. The campaign letters reveal his concern of running against the man he calls, "an ultra-liberal Hollywood leftist."

Kovic has said that if he runs, Tom Cruise, star of the film, will walk communities of the precincts for him. Also expected to participate would be producer-director Oliver Stone.

With this in mind Dornan would have good reason to be worried. In his letter he stated, "Kovic is fast becoming one of the liberals' best hopes for 1990. And he will have access to hundreds of thousands of dollars from the Hollywood left and liberals across the country....I don't have a big budget or lie-distorted movie about my life to help me gain supporters and raise funds, as Kovic does."

Instead of dramatizing a story of his life, Dornan sends out 20,000 letters asking for "an immediate contribution of $100 or $150" to Dornan's re-election campaign. Sounds as if he is doing an acting job himself.

By lowering his standards to criticize Kovic who hasn't made a stand on running, Dornan only shows his lack of confidence in his ability to win.

With his mailer, Dornan has only revealed Kovic's past, which Kovic has already revealed in his book and the movie. Kovic appears to have nothing to hide. It's all out in the open.

As for Dornan and his ridiculous criticism, he seems to have forgotten that we have seen "Born on the Fourth of July" as well.



Hate and prejudice stoke the fires of racism

BY TANIA TRATENSEK
STAFF WRITER

Few convictions have flourished over time and withstood the various changes in public sentiment. Attitudes and emotions are typically unstable and ever changing and beliefs are altered accordingly. Tragically, the beliefs that have lasting power are those that are fueled by prejudice and secured by hate.

Racism, in a sense, is this type of belief. In a presumably advanced society such as ours, racial tensions have no place. Why, then is racism so prevalent today?

The truth is that, on the basest level, human beings are pitiful little creatures. We couldn't live on our own, or control our own destinies, so we believed in the gods and the heavens.

Realizing that every thesis requires the existence of an antithesis, we created demons and Hell.

Racism thrives in todays society for the same reason. We can't imagine a good without first conceiving an evil. If we consider ourselves good, then someone else must represent the evil.

People need enemies as much as we need friends. When we are insecure, we need the support of an ally. When we need to displace the cause of a problem, we find a scapegoat.

For the Christian, the existence of Satan satisfies this need. For the racist, the enemy is the other race.

Though reason should tell him otherwise, the racist is no more willing to abandon faith in his convictions than is the Christian.

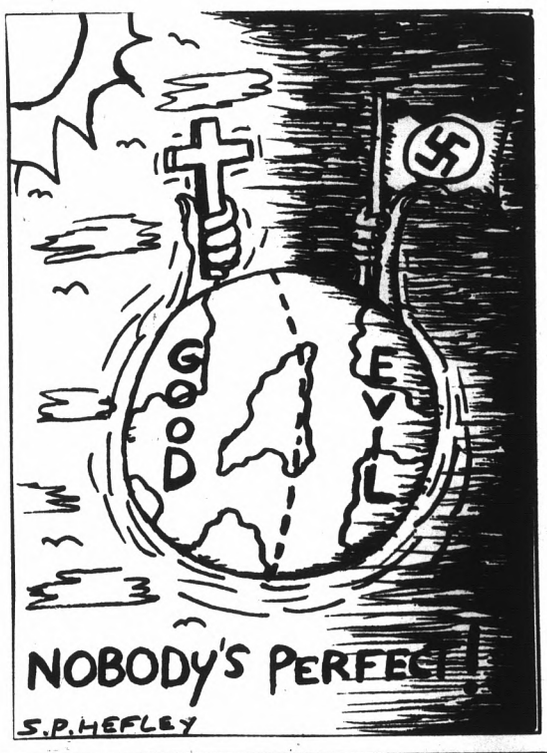
The Christian cannot imagine a world in which there is no Creator.

He can't explain or accept a rational alternative to the one he finds in the Bible.

Similarly, the racist can't imagine life without an enemy race.

For these reasons, racial prejudice is still, unfortunately a common practice. We can't ignore it or deny its presence. Racism will exist as long as we seek excuses for our own insecurities.

If human beings were perfect, we would not need to believe in God. Perhaps ironically, if we ever see an end to the insecurities that contribute to racism, we might also see the death of God.



Letters

Accuracy an essential in journalism

Dear Editor,

I wish to comment on the el Don Feb. 2nd editorial relative to Saddleback College's Lariat article. As a teacher, I firmly agree that freedom of speech must be defended and censorship opposed. However, I also believe that newsmen and women have an obligation to exercise responsibility in obtaining accurate information when writing their reports and/or editorials.

Your own editorial is an example of erroneous facts. Reference is made in this editorial to Boren's statement about a "God who teaches compassion, forgiveness, and love." The editorial continues, "which leads one to believe that this article (Boren's) was written carelessly, since Jews do not believe in a New Testament God who preaches these sentiments." This statement infers that the Old Testament God does not believe in compassion, forgiveness, and love. I challenge you to find where this is so stated in the Old Testament.

I also want to comment on why Boren's apology was not acceptable to many of the readers. How can any intelligent person believe that he did not mean "to offend or cause any anguish" (Boren's words) when he questions God's choice of the Chosen People. By so doing, he includes all Jews in his obvious hositility against the policies of Israel. And as the Hanukkah menorah is a symbol for all Jewish people, the cartoon which accompanied the article also attacks every Jew, whether American, European, etc. Further, the cartoon's depiction of Christmas carolers singing, "We wish you a Happy Holocaust" conjures up the most heinous event man has ever perpetrated on his fellow men and women. It is hard to accept that it was not meant to be provocative.

To continue the outrage, we are told by the faculty advisor and art editor that Boren's commentary and the cartoon were misunderstood by its detractors because it was not meant to offend. This is analogous to the defense of a reckless driver who kills an innocent pedestrian and claims that he never meant to offend!

I would suggest that Boren, Ziehm, and the cartoonist be made to visit the Simon Wiesenthal Center in L.A. to see the Holocaust Memorial. Perhaps then they will understand a little better why they offended and continue to offend with their offensive apologies.

I want to commend Gregory Creel and Timothy Selvidge for their well written arguments.

Evelyn Shopenn
RSC Reading Instructor

International



Muscovites munch on McNuggets

BY JIM SILVER
STAFF WRITER

Nikita Kruschev must be spinning in his grave. I'm sure McDonald's in Moscow is hardly what he envisioned when he pounded his shoe at the United Nations, threatening to bury our evil empire of capitalist ideology.

Now, less than 30 years later, we're launching an assault that will bury them....in cholesterol. Can't you just see Ronov McDonovich indoctrinating the youth of Russia on the sensual pleasures of fast food. Think of it, those future generations of commies dying by age 30 of heart attacks. What an ingenious plot.

There are 20 McDonald's outlets planned for Moscow.

What irritates me though, is that a "Beeg Mak" in Moscow is only 63 cents. How come they're not cheaper here? Is this a grand opening special to get them hooked, or what? Is it made from the same 100 percent "imported from the deforested Amazon basin" beef, or is it musk ox, reindeer....maybe yak? These alternatives might be cost cutters.

Only in a country accustomed to day-long waits in line could the rapid two hour service be so appealing. Why, just this morning at the Bristol St. "outlet" across from campus, it took me 15 minutes to get one Egg McMuffin. But then, there were four people ahead of me. This has not been a unique occurrence. As a matter of fact, it's all too frequent. They are truly the nations' innovative leaders in fast food.

In the mid-70s, there was a study done to determine the amount of throw-away paper used yearly by McDonald's ONLY. The nation-wide figure (extrapolated from a single St. Louis, Missouri outlet) was about 175 million TONS. God only knows what it is now, including the entire fast food industry. And as usual, He isn't telling. He's probably too busy trying to repair the environmental damage.

Even a ridiculously conservative estimate (industry-wide) of 250 million tons per year times 15 years is 3,750 MILLION TONS. All disposed of (burned, buried, under car seats, whatever), but not recycled. All those trees no longer producing oxygen, giving shade, housing life. What a shame and what a McWaste!

Rancho Santiago College
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"Our league is so strong, I'd bet at least five Orange Empire teams will be in the Southern California top 10."

-Don Sneddon
RSC Baseball Coach

Orange Empire Conference Basketball Standings

Mens	W	L
Cypress College	10	0
Rancho Santiago	**8**	**1**
Golden West	6	4
Riverside College	4	6
Orange Coast	2	7
Fullerton College	2	7
Saddleback College	1	8

Womens	W	L
Golden West	10	0
Orange Coast	7	2
Fullerton College	6	3
Riverside College	4	6
Saddleback College	4	5
Rancho Santiago	**2**	**7**
Cypress College	0	10

Dons rebound, Altamirano nabs record

Wins over Saddleback and Golden West, keep RSC in conference title chase

BY MIKE STONE
STAFF WRITER

The Dons seemed to have recaptured their winning form, posting two Orange Empire Conference wins, 83-75 over Saddleback last Saturday and 90-79 over Golden West.

RSC (25-2, 8-1), ranked fifth in the state, have run their winning streak to three in a row and remain one and one-half games behind OEC leader Cypress (24-3, 10-0). The Chargers are ranked second in the state.

Against the Gauchos last Saturday, the Dons' Mike Hunter stepped into the limelight.

With forward Corie Blount down with the flu, Hunter took the starting role and responded with 14 points and three key steals in the final three minutes of the game.

"I thought his play was exceptional," RSC coach Dana Pagett said. "Mike did a great job. He made some key plays down the stretch, with a three-point play and some key steals."

RSC opened the game with a 15-6 run, and by halftime had held a nine-point advantage, 41-32.

The Dons opened the second half with a 14-2 run and seemed to have the game put away at 55-34.

But Saddleback (8-17, 1-8) fought back, and closed the scored to 68-64 with 5:12 to play.

That's when Hunter stepped forward. With RSC ahead, 70-66, Hunter stole a Saddleback pass, was fouled and converted both free throws. On the Gauchos' next trip down the court, Hunter made another steal, scored a basket, was fouled and converted the free throw for a three-point play. RSC now had a 75-66 lead and were never threatened again.

Against Saddleback, RSC sophomore guard Gene Altamirano set a Dons single-season record by making his 75th three-point basket. Former Dons guard Kenny Ammonn made 72 in the 1987-88 season. Altamirano scored 21 points for the Dons, including three three-point bombs.

Altamirano said he knew about the record, but that he felt no extra pressure.

"I wasn't even thinking about it (the record)," he said. "I've been a shooter ever since my senior year of high school and now I'm doing it here. It's getting hard though, as defenses are running at me. I need picks from my teammates to get open."

Center Matt Lien scored 17 and grabbed 10 rebounds, and guard Alvin Loftis scored 17 points.

RSC also had its hands full against Golden West, holding only a two-point halftime lead, before opening the game up in the second half, posting an 11-point victory.

The Rustlers and the Dons traded the lead throughout the first half and at intermission RSC was up, 44-42.

"I told then that Golden West was a very good team," Pagett said about his halftime talk with the Dons. "I told them we had to play better and to work on our concentration. That's when we come up short offensively, when we lose our concentration."

In the second half the Dons moved the ball inside to their twin towers, Blount and Lien. Blount finished the game with 21 points and six rebounds, while Lien scored 20 points and grabbed nine boards.

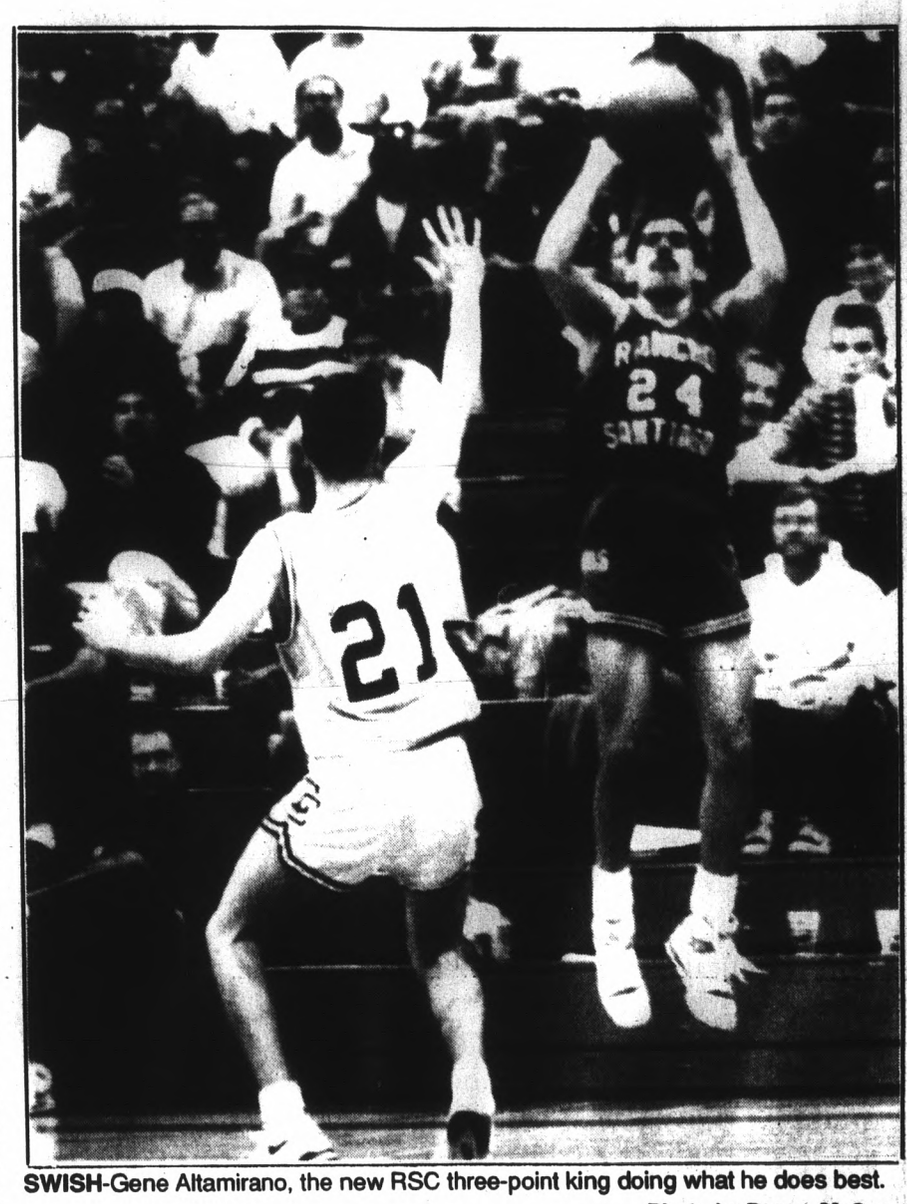
Altamirano had another big game, connecting on four three-point shots on his way to 17 points.

RSC's next game was against the Fullerton Hornets, Saturday night at 7:30 at Fullerton.

The Hornets (11-16, 2-7), sixth in the OEC, are coming off a 99-79 upset victory over Riverside College. If RSC is caught looking past Fullerton and towards the Cypress game, which is a week for Saturday, the Dons could be in for a big surprise. Pagett said that will not happen.

"That's one of the things we're trying to guard against," he said. "I think that its important for us to play every game one at a time. If you say the Fullerton score, it wasn't just an upset, but a lopsided victory, which tells me they are improving. The two things we need to do against Fullerton is to remain sound defensively and for the offense to get good shots."

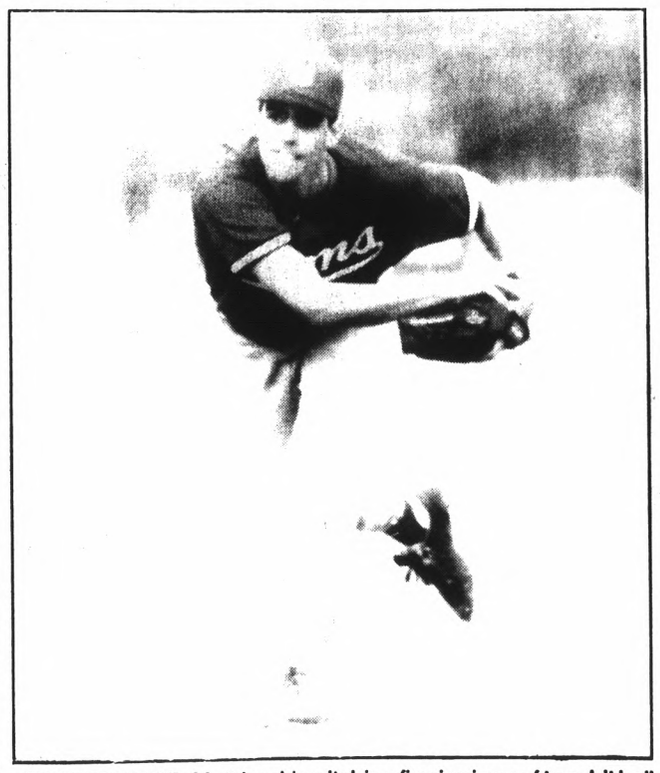
After Fullerton, the Dons travel to Orange Coast College to battle the Pirates on Wednesday, then host Cypress for the OEC championship on Saturday at Cook Gym at 7:30.



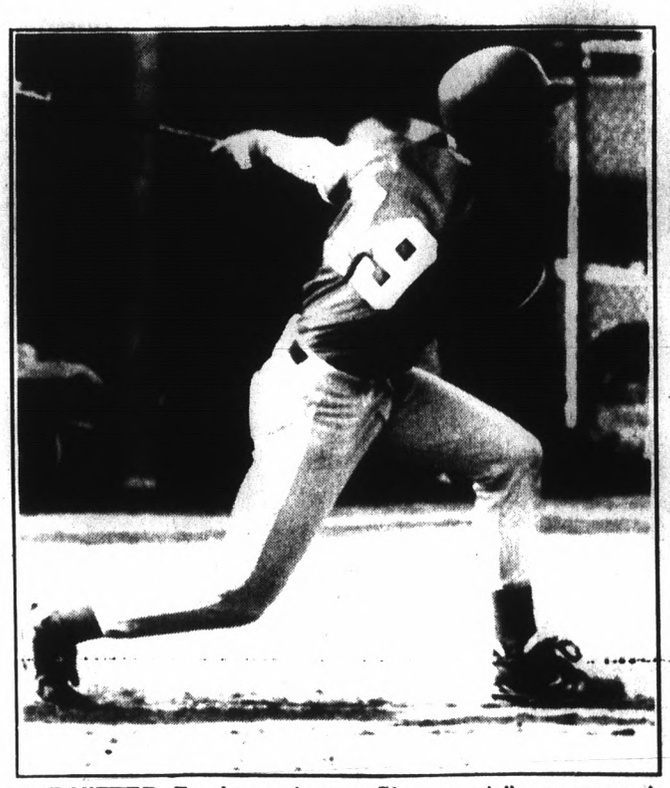
SWISH-Gene Altamirano, the new RSC three-point king doing what he does best.
Photo by Danny McCoy

SEASON OPENER

PLAY BALL!



THE PITCHER- Matt Lackie pitching five innings of two-hit ball, striking out six Vikings. **Photo by Gregory Creel**



THE HITTER- Freshman Jeremy Sherman delivers a grand slam against Mira Costa. **Photo by Graham Schildmeyer**

Dons trounce Long Beach in opener, 13-4...

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RSC	110	713	30x	13	15	0

BY GREGORY CREEL
SPORTS EDITOR

The Dons exploded into action last week, hammering out 33 runs on 36 hits, chalking up the first two games of the 1990 season in the win column.

"We'll take them," said Coach Don Sneddon, referring to the two wins, "the score against Long Beach overshadowed some mistakes, but we played well."

'Well', means the batters hit well, and sophomore Matt Lackie pitched very well; Lackie threw five shut-out innings, limiting the Vikings to two singles and walking none before passing the ball over to southpaw Jerry Aschoff.

The sophomore slipped up, allowing the four runs and walking five. But Sneddon was right, the mistakes were overshadowed in the form of hits and runs, 15 and 13 respectively.

The offensive barrage included three hits each for third baseman Greg Martineau and shortstop Ed Renteria and Marty Neff going two for three, getting the first hit and RBI of the season.

Three days later, an even better pitching and hitting display took place with two freshmen adding more than their two cents worth.

Jay Hassel needed only 49 pitches to to retire 12 batters in the first four innings, allowing one hit and walking two.

"I was throwing mostly fastballs and curveballs," said the right-hander from El Dorado. "It almost seemed like batting practice throwing only 50 (actually 49) pitches...and the defense was great, they made it real fun. All I had to do was pitch and they took care of the rest."

By the second inning, RSC already had a 4-0 lead and loaded the bases for left fielder Jeremy Sherman who instantly doubled the score sending a 3-2 pitch over the left field fence for the first home run of the Dons' season.

Like a pack of hungry wolves, the Dons jumped all over the weak Mira Costa pitchers amassing 22 hits, including a three-run shot by Martineau, first baseman Conrad Colby going 3 for 4, knocking in two and Renteria tacking on two more hits lifting his two-game total to an even 5 for 5.

"Now that was a very well played game, period," said Sneddon. "They (the pitchers) gave up two walks and two hits and the defense committed no errors. That is a great performance no matter who we would have played."

Conference rivals also won big, racking up runs in their games (Fullerton 22-4 and Saddleback 15-6) which comes to no surprise to Sneddon: "We have the best league (in Southern California) without a doubt," Sneddon noted. "Our league is so strong, I'd bet at least five Orange Empire teams will be in the Southern California top 10."

...then give Mira Costa the slam, 20-0.

Mira Costa	000	000	000	0	2	1
RSC	390	000	26x	20	22	0

EVENTS

TODAY:
Golf-Conference Tourney at Jurupa Hills, Noon.

TUESDAY:
Baseball-RSC at Mira Costa, 2:00 p.m.
Womens Tennis-Long Beach City at RSC, 2:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:
Softball-Moorpark at RSC, 3:30 p.m.
Mens Basketball-RSC at OCC, 7:30 p.m.
Womens Basketball-OCC at RSC, 7:30 p.m.
Mens Tennis-Moorpark at RSC, 3:30 p.m.

THURSDAY:
Baseball-Casey Stengal Tourney, Canyon at RSC, 2:30 p.m.
Softball-Bakersfield at RSC, 3:00 p.m.
Mens Tennis-Trade Tech at RSC, 2:00 p.m.

FRIDAY:
Baseball-Casey Stengal Tourney, at RSC, TBA.
Softball-Cypress Tourney, TBA.
Womens Basketball-RSC at Cypress, 7:30 p.m.
Golf-RSC vs. San Diego Golf Acad., Whispering Palms, 7:00 a.m.

SATURDAY:
Baseball-Casey Stengal Tourney, cont.
Softball-Cypress Tourney, cont.
Mens Tennis-Golden West Inv., TBA.
Mens Basketball-Cypress at RSC, 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY:
Baseball-Casey Stengal Tourney. Championship at Cerritos, TBA.

Mens Tennis team can't handle Santa Monica

Dons shutout, 9-0, in pre-season scrimmage vs. Santa Monica

BY JEFF WARRICK
SPORTS EDITOR

For the RSC mens tennis team, pre-season is a time of polishing the basics for the upcoming Orange Empire Conference competition.

Unfortunately, that might take longer than pre-season allows as the men from Santa Monica College shut out the Dons, 9-0, during their first match last Tuesday.

"We're very young and inexperienced," first year coach Doug Gorrie said. "Most of these guys have never played competitive tennis, even in high school."

The top six singles from RSC were beaten badly on the court by Santa Monica, but mentally, their maturity stood strong and was shown to be the strong point of the team.

RSC's No. 1 seed, Michael Bains, played the closest match of the day against Santa Monica's best, Joachim Weibull. Bains fell in three sets, 6-2,3-6,6-2.

During the first set Weibull overpowered Bains with his hard-hitting groundstrokes, showing superb placement with almost every shot. His cross-court game plan had Bains running constantly, and his strategy of tiring Bains seemed to be working.

In the second set, Bains seemed to find his second wind, coming to the net on nearly every point and putting points away with his volley game. Weibull, very frustrated at being down in the second, began yelling obscenities and complaining about his lack of concentration.

Concentration was obviously the reason for Bains' come back in the second set, as he remained cool throughout the match.

Poor ball placement by Bains in the final set combined with Weibull's returning to the form he exhibited in the first set ended the Dons hope for victory.

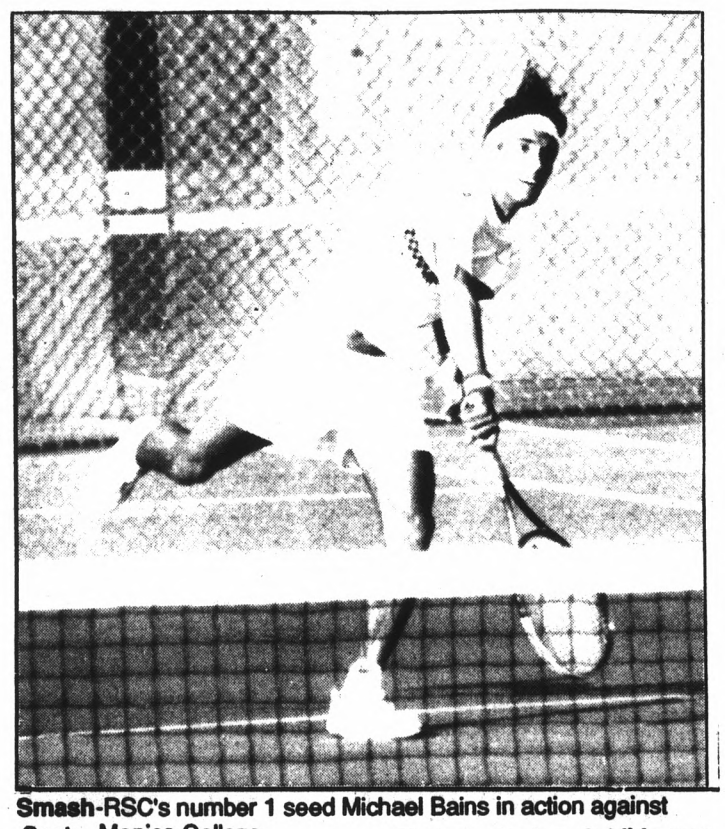
If effort counts for anything, RSC was victorious. However the scores show different as No. 2 Alex Vendis was defeated by Mike Dismukes from Santa Monica, 6-3,6-1.

Other matches of the day saw RSC's Dave Karnes fall to Antonio Robertson, 6-0,6-2; Rancho's Ian Gordon lost to Andy Woelfle 6-0,6-0; the Dons Isobelo Rios lost 8-0 against Jose Sola and Mark Pham was beaten by Santa Monica's Noel Hedli 8-1.

For the RSC doubles teams, it was simply more of the same. RSC's No.1 team lost, 6-0,6-1, and the No.2 fell by the score of 6-1,6-0.

Gorrie, who is also an assistant football and track coach, added that "the trick is improving with each match." As a team, RSC's hopes for the 1990 season will be decided on that improvement.

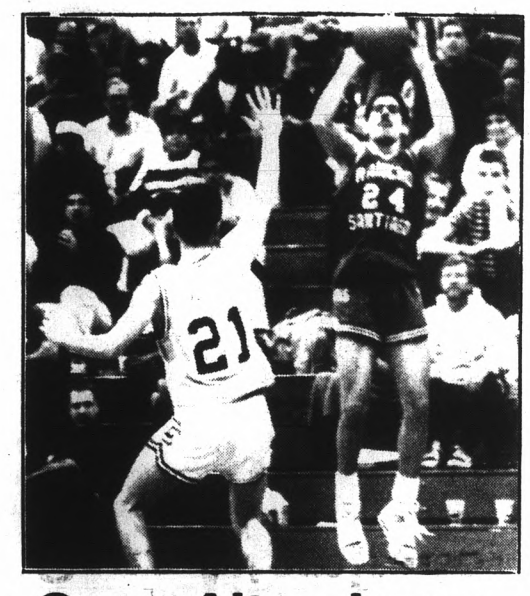
The mens team swings back into action this week, hosting Long Beach on Wednesday and Trade Tech on Thursday. Both matches start at 2:00 p.m.



Smash-RSC's number 1 seed Michael Bains in action against Santa Monica College. Photo by Graham Schildmeyer

Athlete of the Week

BASKETBALL



Gene Altamirano

Cudos to Gene for setting the three-point record, sinking his 75th with four games to spare.

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